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**«Mrs. Dortch»**

In accordance with CC Docket No. 96-45 and CC Docket No. 02-6 please consider this letter as a “Request for Waiver” for the Erate Form 471 Deadline for Erate Year 2007 filings. Our School District Information is as follows:

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The West Mifflin School District did not file the Erate year 2007 Form 471 (application numbers: 588835 & 588837) before the close of the 2007 Form 471 filing window due to a misinterpretation of program rules. The services that are noted on form 471 application numbers 588835 & 588837 will be entering the second year of a multi- year contract. The original multi-year contracts for both services were approved for the 2006 Erate Year (form 471 numbers 508058 & 509940). It was the understanding of the West Mifflin School District that the approval of our multi-year contract during Erate year 2006 would serve as an approval for the term of the multi-year contract. After the close of the Erate year 2007 form 471 filing window, the West Mifflin School District had learned that our assumptions were incorrect. It was necessary to re-file an Erate form 471 each year, regardless the term of the original contract. The West Mifflin School District promptly filed the Erate year 2007 form 471's. These form 471 applications numbers are: 588835 & 588837. We received a letter from the USAC stating that our Funding Request would be put on hold until all applications were reviewed and timely applications would be funded first. Our Funding Request is for Priority One Services. It appears

that we may lose this funding in order for the USAC to grant funding to Priority Two Requests. Our appeal is to grant funding to the West Mifflin School District as requested on Erate form 471 Application Numbers 588835 & 588837 as a Priority One Service before the funding for Erate Year 2007 is depleted on Priority Two Requests.

Respectfully,

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